

**DECEMBER 17, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONTRACTS, MEETING**

Present at meeting:      Ralph Bentley      Supervisor  
                                 Frank Hill      Councilman  
                                 Ken Higgins      Councilman  
                                 Robert Olson      Councilman  
                                 Joseph Dooris      Councilman

Mark Schachner      Town Counsel  
Paul Smith      Highway Superintendent  
Gary McMeekin      Zoning Administrator  
Arlene Mayer      Town Clerk

Also: Tom Johansen, Ken Dott, Mr. Geiger, Poul Carstensen, Paul Frasco, Christine Hayes, Gary Frenz, Lisa Fish, Frank Costello, Ruth Hayes, James Hayes, Harry Balz, Debbie Newton, others

Supervisor Bentley opened the public hearing for the 2010 Contracts. Hearing was legally advertised in the Adirondack Journal. Supervisor Bentley asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Olson, all ayes.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 19<sup>th</sup> were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Approval of December 17<sup>th</sup> Abstracts:

**RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2009**

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 137 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF  
DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the December 17<sup>th</sup> Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 257-270	\$ 6,875.51
General Vouchers # 364-397	\$24,938.79
Highway Abstracts 33 & 35	\$ 2,633.77
General Abstracts 33 & 35	\$11,106.45

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Communications:

APA	RE: Survey for Adirondack Park Govt. Day
APA	RE: Resolution Adopted
NWES	RE: Bid for Services
Harvey Leidy	RE: Alleged Rat Infestation
Gary Scidmore	RE: Report on Health Inspection
Joseph Metzger	RE: Response to Town Board's Request
US Census Bureau	RE: Use of Space in Community Center

Action on Communications:

Councilman Dooris would like it noted that the North Warren Emergency Squad sent the Town a Bid for Services when the Town only advertised for Proposals.

Joseph Metzger's letter to the Town Board explained his side of the situation, which led to the Town Board asking him to reimburse the Town for mistake in Highway Garage Doors. Supervisor Bentley reported to the Board on his conversation with Mr. Metzger. Councilman Higgins said he felt Mr. Metzger saved the Town lots of money when he designed the building and we should not continue to ask for reimbursement. Councilman Dooris said that he introduced the original Resolution to request reimbursement and now he would like to introduce a Resolution to rescind it:

**RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 138 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RES. 127 OF 2009  
REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF GARAGE DOORS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby rescind Res. 127 of 2009 regarding the reimbursement of doors at the Highway Garage.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

The clerk will write Mr. Metzger explaining the outcome of the discussion.

US Census Bureau Request- Councilman Higgins made a MOTION to allow the Census Bureau personnel to use the conference room at the Community Center to interview prospective employees, Councilman Olson seconded, all ayes.

Old Business:

Schroon Lake Milfoil- Councilman Hill reported that he talked with Cliff Bouchard of Adirondack and Mr. Bouchard is not satisfied with the company that is presently monitoring Schroon Lake for milfoil. Mr. Bouchard would like to meet with the Milfoil Committee for Schroon Lake. The Committee is comprised of Councilman Frank Hill, Harry Balz and Joe Koch.

Zoning Fee Schedule- Councilman Dooris reminded the Board that he had brought up the fee schedule for permits a few months ago when the Board received a complaint on fee for a shed. Councilman Dooris would like the Board to review the current schedule and possibly adjust. Zoning Officer McMeekin said that fee schedule was set at current prices due to the amount of time it takes to do the site reviews required.

Landfill- Councilman Olson reported that the owner of the container by the metal pile was contacted and asked to remove it, which he did. Metal is now going on the ground as it did before. We will have to bid metal out in the spring.

New Business:

Donation of Food- A local summer resident, who owns a business in Glens Falls was kind enough to donate 75 turkeys for Thanksgiving and 75 hams for Christmas to our Food Pantry. They will be given out to the people who come for food distributions and the food pantry. The clerk will send a letter of appreciation.

Sign at Entrances to Town- Councilman Dooris would like to use some of the bed tax money to purchase 4 "Welcome To Horicon" signs to post at the appropriate places. Councilman Dooris will talk with Garnet Signs and have further information soon. Also, Councilman Hill will contact Cliff Gates regarding a plaque for Jeremiah Monroe to place at the park in Adirondack.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 139 OF 2009**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 139 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO  
ATTEND PLANNING & ZONING CONFERENCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Planning, Zoning and Town Officials to attend the Saratoga County Planning & Zoning Conference in Saratoga Springs on January 25, 2010. Cost is \$65.00 per person, plus reimbursement for travel expenses.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 140 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT JOSEPH KOCH AND  
RICHARD LOMNITZER TO SERVE ON THE  
SCHROON LAKE PARK DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board re-appoints, with pleasure, Joseph Koch as Horicon's Commissioner to the Schroon Lake Park District and Richard Lomnitzer as the Alternate Commissioner to the Schroon Lake Park District.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 142 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT ZBA AND  
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, with pleasure, does hereby re-appoint the following members to their respective Boards:

Jim Remington re-appointed to the Planning Board. Term expires 12/31/2014  
Cheryl Erickson re-appointed to the ZBA. Term expires 12/31/2014.  
Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2009**

Messrs. Higgins & Dooris introduced Res. 142 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF  
SURPLUS COMPUTER MONITORS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare the six computer monitors being stored at the Community Center as surplus equipment as they are no longer useable, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that these monitors may now be disposed of.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2009**

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 143 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR 2010  
AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN**

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board held a public hearing on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM regarding the proposed 2010 Contracts, AND

WHEREAS, the public had the opportunity to speak for or against said contracts at this hearing, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the following Contracts and authorizes the Supervisor to sign in the following amounts:

Horicon Volunteer Fire Company	\$189,000.00
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Senior Mini-Bus	\$ 4,680.00
North Warren Chamber of Commerce	\$ 6,000.00
Horicon Free Library	\$ 1,000.00
Horicon Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00
Chester-Horicon Health Center	\$ 5,000.00
Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,500.00

**The Contract with the North Warren Emergency Squad is withheld from this Resolution as the Contract and Conditions are still pending.**

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 144 OF 2009**

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 144 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Highway		
5142.4 (Sno. Cont.)	5110.4 (Gen. Rep. Cont.)	\$ 4,877.21
5148.1 (Ser. Ot. Gov.)	5142.1 (Sno. Per.)	\$46,300.00
General		
1110.1 (Jus. Per.)	1430.1 (Floater. Per.)	\$ 1,000.00
1355.2 (Asses. Eq.)	1355.4 (Asses. Con.)	\$ 869.76
1620.1 (Build. Per.)	1310.1 (Dir. Of Finance)	\$ 107.60
1910.4 (Ins.)	5132.4 (Gar. Con.)	\$ 625.28
1910.4 (Ins.)	6410.4 (Publicity)	\$ 125.60
1910.4 (Ins.)	6772.4 (Prog. Aging)	\$ 652.50
8010.1 (Zon. Per.)	8010.4 (Zon. Con.)	\$ 462.23
8020.1 (Plan. Per.)	8020.4 (Plan. Con.)	\$ 272.80
8810.1 (Cem. Per.)	8510.1 (Beaut. Per.)	\$ 1,701.60
8810.4 (Cem. Cont.)	8510.1 (Beaut. Per.)	\$ 1,041.37
8510.2 (Beaut. Equip.)	8510.4 (Beaut. Cont.)	\$ 29.94
8160.1 (Ref/Gar. Per.)	8160.4 (Ref/Gar.Cont.)	\$ 2,000.00
9060.8 (Health)	8090.4 (Insect Cont.)	\$ 8,775.68

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 145 OF 2009**

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 145 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HORIUCON TO ENTER  
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE, INC. FOR  
THE WARREN COUNTY QUADRICENTENNIAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to participate in the Warren County Quadricentennial Program to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Explorations of Henry Hudson which provides an opportunity for Warren County communities to invest in tourism infrastructure that will benefit the region for years to come, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. for \$3,461 to develop one "Passage Minute" and thematic itinerary for the Town of Horicon in connection with the the Warren County Quadricentennial Program, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to take such other and future action as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 146 OF 2009**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 146 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET END OF YEAR  
AND ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM for the end of the year meeting and January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for the Organization Meeting of the Town.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Privilege of Floor:

Mrs. Lauri Newer spoke regarding false information that was relayed from a previous Town Board meeting. Mrs. Newer wanted it clarified that she never said at the Meeting that the North Warren Emergency Squad supplied valium to her daughter. There is no record that anything was ever said regarding this and it seems it was mistaken "hearsay".

North Warren Emergency Squad Contract- Councilman Dooris wants it understood by the members of the squad in attendance tonight that the Town is not entering into any Contract with them until the aforementioned conditions are met (volunteer Board of Directors).

Comprehensive Master Plan- Poul Carstensen asked when the Board will have a public hearing regarding the Plan. Councilman Dooris said it would be "spring or summer" so the summer people will be able to come. Mr. Carstensen said he did not think much of the Plan really involves the summer people. Councilman Dooris said the Board does not want the summer residents to feel they did not have the opportunity to speak, even if only a few were involved.

Town Clerk Retirement- Supervisor Bentley spoke of the retirement of the Town Clerk after 22 years on the job. The following Resolution (which Arlene did not write) was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 147 OF 2009**

The Members of the Horicon Town Board introduced Resolution 147 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO  
ARLENE MAYER, TOWN CLERK  
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE TO THE TOWN**

WHEREAS, Arlene Mayer has served the Town of Horicon as its Town Clerk for over 22 years, AND

WHEREAS, as the unofficial "ambassador" for the Town, Arlene has a smile and a kind word for everyone she comes in contact with, shows her devotion to her job and the citizens of the Town by consistently being available no matter the time or day, and the Town has benefited enormously from her presence, AND

WHEREAS, earlier this year Arlene announced her retirement as Town Clerk effective December 31, 2009, AND

WHEREAS, as such, the Town now wishes to take this opportunity to show its heartfelt and sincere appreciation to Arlene for her hard work and dedication, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Horicon, hereby express its heartfelt and sincere appreciation to Arlene Mayer, Town Clerk, after 22 years of service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board also wishes Arlene good health and good times with her children and grandchildren.

Ayes: 5    Nays: 0

The Board then moved to go into Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Dooris, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that Executive Session would involve Personnel.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:08 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that Personnel had been discussed, no decisions reached.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk